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836 property and are offered to ships' crews, despite their usually
729 most horrible appearance. Unfortunately, one also sees children
used for the same purpose. Here is clearly shown the dualism in
836 the ethics of the savages, whose moral laws apply only to mem-
729 bers of their own tribe. This view, common to all primitive
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[186] peoples, cannot therefore change our judgment of the morality
of the Karaya in general. When Castelnau doubts this, saying,
[114] "Ce fait (the stern punishment of a transgression against morals)
est peu d'accord avec les offres qui étaient fait continuellement
a nos gens /this fact is hardly in accord with the offers that
were continually made to our men/" (Hist. du voyage, I, p. 446),
he overlooks the fact that these "offres" concerned not their own,
but foreign women.

855 In spite of the lack of external signs of tenderness, which
are absent among all Indians, the treatment of the children is
very loving throughout.

854 The smaller ones are continually carried about by the
mothers and tended with tireless care, hung with ornaments and
853 painted, etc. They are suckled for an extraordinarily long time.

857 Older children are left entirely to themselves, but in spite of
this demonstrate a natural decency and a modesty of behavior
that the highly educated offspring of civilized men only all too
858 often lack. It would be unthinkable among the Karaya that chil-
dren be traded to the settlers, as unfortunately still frequently
occurs in other regions of Brazil, especially on the Amazon.
Upon the founding of the Collegio Izabel at Leopoldina, whose
purpose was to train young Indians and settle them later as
colonists, efforts to obtain Karaya children for it were in vain.
Since they once allowed themselves to be misled years ago, and
some were lured away and abducted by force, all the young
people as a rule take flight at the approach of a boat and only with
great difficulty are persuaded to return.

764 The fact that the animal decorations put on the grave poles
532 (cf. p. 63) are marks of the family concerned or of a wider kin
602 grouping indicates the existence of totemism, or clan formation.
To be sure, nothing more precise is known about this, but the
family system discovered among the Arawak by Im Thurn (1) may
also hold for the relationship prevailing among the Karaya.

1. Im Thurn, op. cit., p. 175.

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Chapter VIII.

THE KARAYÁ.—RECEIVING STRANGERS.—PERSONAL ADORNMENT.—DOMICILES.—MENAGERIES.—FISHING AND HUNTING.—HUSBANDRY.—FOODS.

101 [161] The Karayá tribe is divided into three great divisions, or separate tribes, called the Yavahé, the Karayáhy and the Sambiôa, numbering in all about four thousand. Little is 131 known of the Yavahé division except that they dwell in three 162 villages, or encampments, by a large lake, or lagoon, in the unknown interior of the great Isle of Bananal, which is between three and four hundred miles long and nearly one hundred miles broad, being formed by the two arms of the 133 Araguaya river. The Yavahé lake has an outlet into the [114] eastern arm of the Araguaya. In our descent of the Araguaya, we followed the western arm.

177 186 The Yavahé, though hostile to civilized men, and determined to avoid all contact with "civilization," much desire, nevertheless, to obtain the steel implements, such as axes, knives and grubbing hoes, which civilization alone can furnish them. Neither does the Sambiôa branch wish to have any direct contact with "civilization" because they see plainly that their brethren of the Karayáhy division, who live in touch with the "civilization" that exists in the interior of Brazil, and which we know to be semi-barbarous, immoral and superstitious, are in a worse plight, morally, socially and physically than they themselves are—that they are extremely poor and demoralized, and suffer from various diseases, contracted from "civilization," with which they themselves are

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not afflicted. Therefore, they have hidden their villages far away from the slimy trail of the only "civilization" they know, and do not wish to reveal their location. But they, too, well know the great superiority of steel implements over their stone utensils, so desire to obtain them, which they do indirectly through the Karayáhy. They are not unwise in their generation. They do not desire to receive, in its entirety, the "civilization" available to them, for it has been demonstrated to them that its evils outweigh its blessings. Therefore they try to catspaw civilization's good things and leave its evil things. What a pity it is that a civilization, which is the best fruit of the Gospel of Christ, should not have reached the Karayá!

The Sambiôa live in much larger, cleaner, and more orderly villages than the Karayáhy, and are better fed. They also build better huts than the Karayáhy, and arrange them in regular streets. They have four large villages, located between Pau de Arco and the falls of S. Miguel. They trade hammocks, vegetables, fruits, fowls, and other produce for such articles made by civilized men as they desire. As regards agriculture, they are but little behind the semi-barbarous Brazilians of the far interior. They have many slaves, which are women and children stolen from other tribes with whom they were at war.

Only the inhabitants of the second Sambiôa village are hostile to strangers. When such appear at their port, the women and children are sent to a safe place, while the warriors, fully armed, assemble at the water's edge and assume a threatening attitude. It is necessary to be cautious in approaching them, though they dare not attack a large canoe full of men armed with repeating rifles. They greatly fear these weapons, believing that the rifleman can continue to fire indefinitely without reloading. The villages are always situated distant from the landing-place; and though they will allow the traveler to visit them, he must be on his guard.

The reception at the landing is interesting and exciting. The naked, bronze-bodied men are assembled in force. Many